



What to do When the Diagnostic Work-up of an Abnormal CBE Ends at a Mammogram

eCaST will not automatically close a clinical cycle for payment when:

- A CBE result is entered in eCaST as “suspicious for cancer”, and
- only one mammogram was completed (screening or diagnostic) with no additional diagnostic procedures or repeat CBE.

An abnormal CBE even in the presence of a BI-RADS 1 or 2 finding on a screening or diagnostic mammogram requires further investigation.

WWC recognizes that there are cases in which a woman with an abnormal CBE is sent for diagnostic imaging and only a mammogram is completed by the radiologist. Although the radiologist may consider his or her diagnostic work-up complete, this does not mean that the clinician who found the abnormality (who is ultimately responsible for the patient's care) should consider the work-up complete. Both the CBE and diagnostic imaging results must be considered **concordant** before the diagnostic evaluation should be considered complete. Clinical concordance is typically achieved by:

- The ordering clinician comparing the imaging findings with the CBE notes to ensure that the abnormality is explained by the imaging, or
- By repeating the CBE within 30 days and comparing it with the imaging result

If the results are found to be discordant, meaning the imaging results do not explain the abnormal CBE, the patient should be referred for further evaluation.

If you have a WWC client who has a CBE entered in eCaST as “suspicious for cancer,” a BI-RADS 1 or 2 mammogram and no further diagnostic procedures or repeat CBE was completed, you will need to contact the WWC Nurse Consultant to close the case for payment. You will need to inform us that, either:

- The patient's provider has reviewed the case for clinical concordance and recommends no further follow up of the abnormal CBE, or
- A repeat CBE to reassess the abnormal finding has been recommended to the patient.

As long as one of these things has happened, the WWC Nurse Consultant will approve the cycle for closure and payment.

**Please contact the WWC Nurse Consultant with questions at:
303-692-2323.**